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| *“Miss O’Brien’s lessons were well-planned and executed with the abilities of the students in mind…Miss O’Brien also taught inclusion classes in Math and Social Studies.*  *Her kind heart enabled the children to*  *take chances. She always gave special*  *attention to the academically, socially,*  *and emotionally challenged students.”*  Elaine Kilpatrick  Cooperating Teacher  Hillcrest Elementary  “…Lauren demonstrated great intellectual curiosity, striving to do even more than what was required of her…has a great ability to communicate her knowledge in both oral and written form…She is very personable, and relates well with students and faculty alike.”  Dr. Fred Savitz  Professor of Education  Neumann College  *“She always comes to school with a smile on her face…Her enthusiasm, sense of humor, preparedness, intelligence, and love for children shines through in her daily work and presence…”*  *Patricia Vernot*  *Director*  *Fairy Tale Academy, Upper Darby, PA*  *“Ms. O’Brien had very good classroom management. She was well prepared at all times and flexible enough to withstand last-minute changes. She encouraged students to try their best at each task and expectations were realistic. She has always conducted herself in the most professional manner*.”  Dr. Renee Ziolkowska  Professor of Education  Neumann College | Professional Objective: *To obtain an Elementary/Middle School teaching position.*   * Able to work with faculty and students in a positive manner. * Experienced in use of the internet, and able to learn the effectiveness and use of educational software quickly and effectively. * Dedicated to enthusiastic and dynamic teaching as a means of creating a lifelong love of knowledge in children. * Have the ability to tutor children, coach many sports, and also have an extensive background in dance education (22 years).  Education, Honors, and Certifications Bachelor’s Degree in Early Childhood/Elementary Education  Neumann College, Aston, PA December 2003  Graduate School, Neumann College (12 credits)    Honors: Vice President’s Honor List, Neumann College    Certifications:    PA Instructional I : Elementary k-6  Middle Level Math:7-9  Middle Level English:7-9  *(Anticipating Special Education Certification by September, 2008)*  CPR/First Aid Certified (November 6, 2007)  *Teaching Experiences:*    Instructional Assistant  *Welsh Valley Middle School, Lower Merion School District Narberth, PA*  *March 2007- present*   * Collaborate with autistic support classroom and teachers, regarding the implementation of specialized education. * Modify tests, quizzes, worksheets, and instruction, according to students’ skill level and hobbies/interests. * Teach and support the student through utilizing coping strategies, checklists, and self-evaluation.   Guest Teacher  *Lower Merion School District Ardmore, PA* September 2006-March 2007   * Learned to adapt to various classroom atmospheres through assignments in: Special Education, Technology, Science, Math, English, Spanish, and Physical Education, in both the Middle School and Elementary School settings.     EAP Tutor  *Upper Darby School District Upper Darby, PA* October 2005-present  *Supervisor: Laura Schaffer (610)543-1054*   * Tutor 1st graders at Westbrook Park Elementary, 3 times per week in the morning, using the “Early Success!” reading program. * Tutor soon to be 3rd graders in the EAP summer session in math and reading, using the “Moving with Math” program.   Kindergarten Teacher/Assistant Director/Lesson Plan Developer  *Fairy Tale Academy Upper Darby, PA* August 2005-January 2007  *Director: Patricia Vernot: (610)352-4775*   * Gained skills in teaching kindergarten-age children, as well as developing age-appropriate lessons that adhere to state standards, for all levels, toddlers to school age. * Directed the *Keystone Stars* program * Head of ensuring lessons were being executed professionally and successfully. * Attended many professional development trainings throughout the year.   Substitute Teacher  *Substitute Teacher Service Media, PA* September 2004-March 2005   * Filled absences in Special Education, Physical Education, and all other basic subjects, in both middle school and elementary grades.   Student Teacher  *Upper Darby School District Upper Darby, PA* September-December, 2003  *Hillcrest Elementary, 2nd grade Cooperating Teacher: Elaine Kilpatrick (610)547-4208*   * Acquired numerous skills such as: classroom management, inclusionary practices, and curriculum planning and design. * Established high-order thinking skills, as well as differentiated instruction, to promote the student’s interest and enthusiasm towards learning.   Professional Development/Act 48 credits: College Credits    *Teaching to Diversity: January 2004*  *Assessment for Special Education: June, 2007*  *Behavior Management for Special Education: July, 2007*  *The Pedagogy of Cognition: September, 2007*    *Activities/Hobbies:*  Dance  *Touch of Class Dance Studio Broomall, PA September 1983- June 2005*   * Performed in numerous competitions throughout the United States. * Mastered the art of tap and jazz through having self-discipline and dedication. * Acquired self-confidence, self-motivation, and communication skills.   Travel  *Huron University London, UK September 2002- December 2002*   * *Studied abroad for a semester to take courses: Museums and Galleries in London, Arts in London, and Shakespearean Theatre.*     *Nice, France Summer, 2001: Lived with my aunt for the summer.* |
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